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The Annexation Meeting.

A mass meeting in the interest of annexation will be held in the assembly hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow (Monday) evening at 8:15 o'clock. The following gentlemen have been invited to speak on several important phases of the question, and have consented to

Colonel George Wayne Anderson, the patron of the measure, popularly known as the "Anderson bill," rendered necessary by a provision in the new Constitution of Virginia, will explain the general law regulating the extension of the corporate limits of cities and towns in the State, which is a most equitable one, and is new in many of its features.

And Messrs, Joseph Bryan and A. B Williams will address the meeting upon the necessity which exists for an expansion of our city limits, and the advantage

Colonel W. E. Cutshaw had consented to explain the plan of annexation proposed by the Committee of the Council on Ordipances, Charter and Reform, and the reasons for the delineation of the territory which it is proposed to annex, but on account of the present status of the question before the committee, now finds himself unable to do so, with due regards to his offical position.

After the set addresses have been de the question will be open for general discussion by citizens of Rich

It will be an educational meeting and the subject in all its phases will be dis cussed. All who feel an interest in an nexation, all who have views to present and all who wish to be informed should attend the meeting.

Virginia Lands.

The Department of Agriculture in Wash ington, under the direction of that wise man. Secretary James Wilson, is doing a great work for the farmers and indi rectly for the country at large. It is a department of education, and during the past four years it has sent out ap proximately 200,000,000 pieces of literature touching in one way or another not onithe farming interests, but many commer cial interests.

In the work of this department may b mentioned first of all the weather re ports. It is claimed that the storm warn ings alone have saved to the owners of ocean-going vessels more than \$50,000,000 in four years, while special frost warnings have been the means of saving large sums to the farmer and the fruit grower One of the greatest sources of wealth is farm unimals and their products, the es timated value being about three and a half billion dollars. Through its inspection and quarantine service its studie of diseases of animals and the means of combating them, its dairy and other works, the department is aiding not only farmers, but many commercial interests In four years the bureau has inspected more than 227,000,000 animals before slaugh ter and nearly 148,000,000 animals after slaughter and as a result the people have been assured that their meats were free from disease and foreigners could find no ground for excluding our meat products Four years ago the Bureau of Plant Industry made its first introduction of mac aroni wheats. These wheats are dis tributed in the semi-arid districts of the and twelve million dollars. The production of these wheats the first year was bushels; the third year, 10,000,000 bushels and this year between 12,000,000 and 15,-690,000 bushels.

There is much more information of the same sort in an article in Harper's Week- that shall he also reap. Nature is mercily, by Beverly T. Galloway, chief of the less; nature does not forgive; nature holds their consciousness of privilege, made Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, us to account and makes us suffer for in which he shows what may be done for agriculture by intelligent direction, In a modest way, our Department of Agricul- Judge; he looks to the processes, he ture in Virginia is doing a similar work Commissioner Koiner is now occupied most of his time either in entertaining visitors who are coming here with a view to purchasing Virginia lands or answering letters on the same subject from out

Many of our Virginia lands are poor because they have been "worked to death." But they can soon be restored to great fertility by growing upon then rich vegetable matter and turning it back into the soil to decay. Commissioner

The Times - Dispatch. Keller is kept busy instructing new comers in these simple Jessons, and where his directions have been followed, so far as he can ascertain, the results have can be cited where settlers have bough lands at \$4 and \$5 per nore, treated them in this way and in a few years made hem worth \$50 and \$60 an acre.

Every such settler is himself a good dvertisement for the State and many such settlers have been brought in as a result of our advertisement at the St. ouls Exposition. Mr. Koiner is doing his work well, but his department lacks and we believe that it would be wise for the General Assembly to give to the department a liberal advertising fund.

Good Work of Civic Improve-

ment League.
The reviving desires of the New Year seem to turn spontaneously to civic affairs in Richmond. The Joint Committee, on Progress has been much in eviof late. The Chamber of Commerce holds a mass meeting on Monday Improvement League holds its annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute. At the end of the first year's work of the Civic Improvement League we think that full recognition should be accorded this organization for the valuable public sprvice which it has already performed, as well as for the promise of good which its organized effort holds for a better Richmond from every civic aspect. The Civio Improvement forts varies no whit from other similar organizations, which have sprung up all over America in answer to the insistent demand for better conditions of life in our great cities. As we are informed, and as we have seen the aims of the Civic Improvement League are rather to make the city more desirable as a place of residence for those who are already citizons than to not as an organization for business exploitation.

When The Times-Dispatch took the nevel step last year of giving away flower seeds, which experiment proved so successful that it will be repeated again this spring, the Civic Improvement League furnished the committee for judging the work done by the children. In addition to this, the Civic Improvemen League is doing a wonderful work of eduention by distributing information of the most stimulating sort, showing what other cities in like situations have done and are doing to make their cities greater, their drainage more sanitary, their wa ter purer, their parks larger and their playgrounds more useful. A year ago the word playground was an unknown quantity in our civic equation. To-day, thanks to the Civic Improvement League, this absolutely essential adjunct to sound city growth has been given a satisfactory and ncouraging trial and has demonstrated that for Richmond as well as other cities the playground is an investment of un-

It is a pity that everybody cannot at tend the Chamber of Commerce and Divic Improvement meeting at the same time, but no citizen who has the welfare of this community at heart will go astray in attending either. Both organizations are accomplishing in their respective lines an essential work for our community.

The Year of Reconciliation.

The Federal Government has ordered the return of all the Confederate flags captured in battle during the war between

The United States Senate, by official act, has obliterated the word "rebellion," as officially applied to the Confederate

The New York Sun of March 10 pub-

The New York Sun of March 19 published the following news item:

TRENTON, N. J., March 9.—A concurrent resolution, which was introduced in the House to-day by Assemblyman Coyne, directing Governor of North Carolina the Correlator in the grant pured by the the Confederate flag captured by the Ninth New Jersey Volunteers in the bat-tle of Newbern, N. C., on March 4, 1862, was referred to the Committee on Mill-

The flag presented to the "Beaufort Ploughboys" by the ladies of Beaufort is now in a vault in the State Capitol. It is proposed to restore it to the North Carolinians in May, when the monument to be creeted to the Ninth New Jersey dead in the National Cen. stery at Newbern is dedicated. Mr. Coyne announced that the survivors of the Ninth Reg.ment approved of the return of the flag.

If any Southern State now has a flag during the war, or otherwise obtained, such flag or flags should be returned as generous as our former foes at the North. Let the good work of reconciliation go on.

The Fight and the Finish.

why?"

in our pursuits and endeavors, the mistake which worries and sometimes discourages is that we think too much about results. It is true that we all love to win; it is true that there is no pleasure Northwest, and as a result, there has quite so sweet as the pleasure of sucbeen built up an industry which this cess; it is true that failure is hard to year will bring the country between ten bear; but the philosophy of life is to act well your part and let the results take care of themselves. Fortunately for frail truth; still with moral buoyancy takes up 75,000 bushels; the second year, 2,000,000 humanity, the Good Lord does not hold us responsible for results, provided only

we have done the best we could, The laws of nature are logical and in-exorable and whatsoever a man sowein go out with life, not with depression, but our mistakes as well as for our misedaduct. But it is not so with the Righteous looks to the motives; he looks to conduct. It is a hard saying and a false saying that the way to hell is paved with good intentions; on the contrary, the way



Koiner is kept busy instructing new to heaven is paved with good intentions, the power also. We are to come out at comers in these simple lessons, and where The Lord line respect for the good pure the bidding of God to do God's wish The Lord has respect for the good pur-pose and if the motive be good and if with God's strength. the endeavor be good, no matter how been satisfactory, and many instances many mistakes are made, He will take call really comes? The answer is alway. there would be no consolation in life; involves sacrifice. You need know no otherwise there would be no hope; other- more. "Leave your ship, leave your and conduct; we cannot control condi-

tions or results, Let us make the best fight we can dearly beloved, and if we fight well, it matters not so much that we are licked, even though we may smart and chafe for a while. Robert E. Lee was licked but he was grander and more splendld Appointtox than upon the field of victory in other engagements. He fought a good fight, and to-day he is held as high as those who fought and won,

Judge Mann's Announcement.

Judge William H. Mann, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, is out in an interview reiterating and amplifying the statements he made in his card of announcement published last April, and to which we have more than once referred.

and not a member of the Prohibition party. He further declares that he has ever voted any but the Democratic ticket, and has never, until this campaign, had his Democracy questioned. In view of these facts, The Times-Dispatch has insisted that he cannot be excluded from the Democratic primary.

As to his views on the liquor question Judge Mann believes that "the Democratic party should enact and enforce such laws as will so regulate the liquor traffig as to best conserve the moral and material interests of the people; only be passed when demanded by a strong public sentiment which will secure There are many good Democrats in the

State who heartly concur in that view.

(Selected for The Times-Dispatch.) "And He saith unto them, Follow Me; and they straightway left their nets and followed Him."—St. Matt. iv: 18-20.

It is morning upon the shining Lake of Connegaret. The hills are bright around the lake, the fleecy clouds drift in the ples, was dancing in the sunshine. Every-

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Gaillee saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and foilowed Him.

They went out of the old life into the new: went to a friendship and a work which were to fill their days with light and inspiration. They went to new

thoughts, new hopes, new duties.
But did they get nothing else? Are they not burneded with dangers they did they not burdened with dangers they did loyal to this new Master involved the chance to be also disloyal to Him. Tho the peril of unfaithfulness.

And so it is with every call, with every privilege. To the rich man there return health. As he leaps from his bed and goes back into outdoor life, does there not come a power of active wickedness as well as active goodness?

To the poor man wealth is given. Why he not develop meanness as well as charity? To the childless God gives an helr. All the sins of fatherhood as well as its noble virtues become possible when he first takes that child into his arms.

privilege becomes a solemn thing. There is where sin is born; there is the first opening of the chance of sin. No wonder that the answer to a call from God is spoken with lips that tremble with fear while they burn with love. No wonder that a man sits in his enriched life sorry, awed or oppressed by the blessings bestowed in answer to his prayer,

Will you, therefore, reject the privibring such dangers them? There are two kinds of fear-one mean and paralyzing, the other roble and stimulating. There may be danger, or flags captured from Northern troops but to the monly sort there comes a softness which is breezy and not despair. It is life itself which is the dangerous voluntarily and graciously. Let us be privilege. The chance to sin lies wrapped up in the very fact that we are men. He could not have lofty hopes of heaven without having also the haunting fear of hell. There is the only real light we get on the problem of cvil. It is unthinkable "It isn't the fact that you are licked that a man should have the chance of that counts; it is how did you fight and being good without the other chance of being bad. No man can escape that issue till he escapes life itself.

You may disown this or that special call which comes to you, and to seem to have escaped the danger of those special sins which were awaiting you down those paths, but still your human life remains Still while you live you must be good or bad.

which, in a word, is filled with this its privileges with undying hope!

Wonderful is that ineradicable heroism of humanity, which makes danger a necwith serious joy, bearing within then us by their possibility of wickedness.

There is a turn in every life when the Christ calls. Have you heard your call? You do not deny the call, but how to carry it out? You have nothing to do with that,

"Follow Me"; it is loving, but it is imperative as well. You may say, "It may mean a great tax upon my strength. not be equal to the occasion."

The call does not end with "Follow Me." He who spoke these words added others, which still every misgiving of the modest heart. Those others are, make you." He who gives the call, gives

care of the results by and by. Otherwise Know that your call is from above if it father, leave your nots, leave your friends be merry and take no thought of the and follow, Me. A call that summons We can only control motives men to surrender is likely to be a healthy

and true call, "Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, his brother," left their nets and followed Christe You may say that was very little. It was their all

Have we ever left anything for the Saviour? There have been men who have not counted their lives dear unto them that they might follow and serve Christ. But that is not sacrifice. What have WE done or given up or suffered for

small number of "decisive battles" of the world has lately been increased by one

March has its own brands of weather, and reserves the privilege to vary them according to its own peculiar whilms. Public sympathy has amounted almost

to indignation over the rumor that the Beef Trust is not making money. Kuropatkin writes briefly and right to

the point when he is telling the Czar how he didn't stay there. The glare from the burning Virginia plant beds is a little delayed this year,

but it is glaring all the same. A Harvard student has just died from overstudy, a disease so rare no physician

could do anything with it. Russia is now trying to accustom her self to looking at Manchuria from the Japanese point of view.

Kuropatkin now appears to be caught between bases. Old ball players will appreciate his feelings.

Even the glory of a masterly retreat seems to have slipped through Kuropat kin's fingers.

Spring does not want to be butting in too soon now and spoiling the prospect for good Trult.

Mr. Fairbanks's presidential boom will at least serve as evidence that he still there. Wanted-A good sound investment for

funds recently carned in witness fees .- A. Carnegie. Russia seems to have lost everything

n Manchuria, even its grip Russia promitted to evacuate Manchuria

Only one Governor of Virginia is

Dr. Osler's Farewell Address to

the Sexagenarians.

Morlturos salitable I salute you who must die!

I salute the men who go to meet their fate! And I'd be a passing cad if I feigned that I felt had-In the light of my remarks of recent

But you all may carry with you my eternal graffude,
And may tread like appy 'eroes to the grave.

Have no pity on the weak; let your wives and children shrick—
For T've got a reputation you must save.

was toastman at a dinner, and the wine was flowing free,
And tis true the walters deftly filled

my glass. But I know that you aren't such as to

hint I took too much— Why, Oxford wouldn't tolerate an ass! But maybe I was rattled when I made that odd remark— I hordly seem that odd remark—
Why I made it, now, I hardly seem
to know—
You've observed that lots of fizzy makes

a man a trifle dizzy; Well-I said the men of sixty had to go

How the papers caught the idea, how the vaudevilles whooped it up)
Till I had to say I meant just what I

That the old chaps were not worth their That the old chaps were not worth their standing room upon the earth; And that is why I want to see you dead. But I'll give you ample freedom in the method that you use;
Take arsenic or gas or Paris green;
Or (to say no more o' form), why not use the chloroform?—
The neatest, sweetest method I have

No. I'm not going with you--I'm surprised that you should ask;
Of course, the rule does not apply to me.
Why, in very simple truth, I've still got
a lot of youth,
As I know that simost any one can see.
I'm not going till I have to-you can bet
your hat on thatI'm not sixty, and my life is not yet
through;

through; My years are four or five before my obsequies arrive—
And I think I'll change my mind before they do!

A Plea for Robins.

A Plea for Robins.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,-Will you use your influence and that of your paper to attempt to stop or at least check the cruel and wanton destruction of the robins which flock to us during the spring months? These pretty birds are not grain-eating birds, but feed on bugs and werms, and are the best friends-in the bird line-that the farmer and gardener has. They are los small for eating. Other birds are protected, why not the robin?

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ELLYSON'S CANDIDACY.

What the Virginia Newspapers Have to Say of it.

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson has at last yielded to the entreaties of his friends from all parts of the State and agreed to enter the race for Lieutenant-

agreed to enter the race for Lieutenant-Governor. An effort was made some time ago to have him do this, but he positively declined. Since then renewed efforts have been more successful and in Sunday's papers appeared a short statement from him announcing his yielding and agreeing to become a candidate.

It is not disparaging to the other candidates to say this determination of Mr. Ellyson will meet with universal approval by the people of Virginia, irrespective of party, oliques, combines or as to whom may be favored for any or all of the other offices. Speaking for ourselves alone, and with due respects for the other candidates, we really think it would be the graceful thing on their part to withdraw from the race and permit Mr. Ellering from the people of Virginia, whom he has served so faithfuly and so long. Blackstone Courier.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, State chairman of the Democratic party of Virginia, has announced himself a candidate for

Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Ellyson has, perhaps, given more of Mr. Ellyson has, perhaps, sive into this time and means in the service of his party than any other man in the State, so far without reward. In the language of the Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, "He is the uncrowned hero of twenty bat-

ties."
The Democrats of Virginia are much indebted to Mr. Ellyson for his valuable services, and we feel like this position of honor should be given him without oppo-

The office of Lieutenant-Governor is The office of Lieutenant-Governor is a post of honor with but little salary, and if Mr. Ellyson is willing to serve the party and the State in this capacity, it ought to be given him. Then, too, if the office of Governor should become vacant by death or otherwise, he is in every sense of the word qualified for the highest position in the gift of the people of the State.

There are a number of deserving Democrats who have announced themselves

There are a number of deserving corats who have amounced themselves as candidates for this position and they have a right to aspire for this honor, yet under the circumstances and in view of the fact that Mr. Ellyson has rendered their party such distinguished and value the render would it not be the nice able service, would it not be the nice thing for them to withdraw from the

r. Elfyson without opposition. We believe that he will sweep the State in the August primary regardless of the number of candidates.—Franklin Graphic

Having formerly given public expression to our desire to vote for that hightoned Christian gentleman and faithful party worker, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, for governor, and regretting that he did not see fit to stand for the nomination, it is with extreme pleasure that we learn he has consented to yield to the pressure brought to bear upon him from all parts of the State and become a candidate for the second place on the ticket. He deserves better, but since his decision has been reached, we desire to be among the first to take our position heartily and enthusinstically in favor of his nomination for licutenant-governor.

governor.

Aside from his well known worth as a man and citizen, Mr. Ellyson's claims upon the Domocratic party as its indefatigable and successful leader for years past are so strong as to make his nomination a question, not only of expediency

past are so strong as to make his nomination a question, not only of expediency but of simple right and justice, and should he fall to receive the suffrages of the Democrats of Virginia in his condidacy for the lieutenant-governorship, it would be an illustratio not gross ingratitude and a distressing failure to reward true merit.

It would be extremely becoming as we view the matter, for all three of the other candidates to withdraw from the race and for Virginia Democrats to choose by acclamation as their candidate for licutenant-governor, their tireless, invincible and intrepid leader, Hon, J. Taylor Ellyson.—Southside Sentinel.

Mr. Ellyson has been State Chairman of Mr. Ellyson has been State Chairman of the Democratic party of Virginia for many years, during which time his faithful efforts have resulted in a succession of glorious victories for the party, and the Democrats of Virginia will see to it that his faithful service is rewarded. During his long service as State Chairman he has never before asked to be rewarded, and his asking now seems equivalent to his nomination.—Culpeper Exponent.

with pleasure we note the announcement of Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, that he will be a candidate before the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor of Virginia. He recently declined to make the race, but at the earnest golicitation of friends all over the State, he has yielded and consented to become a candidate.

No man in the Democratic ranks of Virginia deserves recognition for services performed for the party than does Mr. Ellyson. As State Chairman for many years past he has given untiringly of his means and his time for his party's success. He has traveled the commonwealth from and to end, has organized and planned and executed, and has seen his efforts, time and again, crowned with unexpected success.

Several times Mr. Ellyson has been warmly commended by his friends for the governorship, and the mention of his name has always been followed by promises of support from every section. The people of his home city of Richmond, who have twice elected him Mayor, railied to his support, and always stand ready to endorse him for any position. But he has always declined to be a candidate on account of the pressure of business matters. Now that he has announced a favorable decision, it is not improbable that opposition to him will be withdrawn.—Bristol Herald,

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

A Question of Etiquette. Biltor of The Times Dispatch:
Sir,—Is nt correct to help yourself first
and then pass the plate of biscults to your
BOZ.

It saves time, but sister should be served first. Senator Daniel.

Bir.—Will you please tell me in your next week's Query Column the age of Hon. John W. Daniel, and oblige,
D. C. T.

He was born in Lynchburg, September

Pensions.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—Will you please tell turough your
query column of your Wednesday paper
where a Confederate solder that was
wounded in the war can write to get a
pension?

J. H. W.

tor of Public Accounts, Richmond, Va.

A Question of Etiquette.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,-Will you kindly tell me if there is any impropriety in asking a young gentleman to go to church-that is, a stranger in your city, if he is in one's own house-I mean, stopping with them?

BEADER Certainly not.

Plural Offices.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Can a man hold the office of con-stable, assistant treasurer and row com-missioner, all at the same time? Answer and oblige. A SUBSCRIBER.
There is no law which prohibits a man
from holding these three positions at one
and the same time.

Richmond's Exposition.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,-In what year was the first ex-position held in Richmond, and how long did Buffalo Bill play in the city at that time? READER. The first exposition was held from Octo

ber 8d to November 21, 1888. Buffalo Bill was here about three weeks, as well as

Collateral Inheritance Tax.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.-Please tell me whether the
colliteral inheritance tax was a Spanish
War measure or whether it is still in
force, and oblige, Respectfully, Brandon, Va., March 1. The collateral inheritance tax is still

in force. See Pollard's Code, vol. II, page The Coldest Winter.

2219.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Sir,-Will you please tell me in your winter-1580 or 1905, and greatly oblige,

The weather observer in Richmond replies; Subscriber probably refers to Virginia. If so, there are not sufficient records to make a just comparison possi

Libellous Valentines.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,-Please answer through your Query Column if a person has the right to send another a slanderous valentine, with the intent to damage the character

of a young lady. young lady, it constitutes a libel under the circumstances set out in your question, and renders the person sending it liable to suit by the person libeled.

The Washington Family.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,-Please answer through your query column the following: Did George Wash-ington have more than one brother? If so, please give their names, and oblige,

George Washington was the son of Auried. By his first wife, Augustine Washington had two sons, Lawrence and Augustine. By his second wife, Mary Bali, there were four sons and two daughters.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—I. We have had fifteen snows.
Supposing it fell to the depth of two
inches each time all over the State of
Virginia, what would be its depth over
a radius of fifty square miles?

2. Give address of Frank J. Gould
C.

1. The question is not quite clearly stated; but as understood, the answer is: 2,006.2 feet deep. Only land surface has been considered.

Literary Inquiries.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,-Please answer in your next issue
the following questions:
1. Is the author of "The Crisis" the
same Winston Churchill who is the author of "The Celebrity?
2. Who wrote "The Wandering Jew",
3. What is the right name of the author

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1. Winston Churchill, who wrots "The Crisis" is also the author of "The Celebrity."

Celebrity." 2. Fugene Sue. 8. Jack London.

Sanders Gray.

Molitor of the Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Your corresponde T. K. Dewitt,
who gives no postoffice, wishes information to obtain a pension for one Sandors
Gray, claiming to belong to Company K.
Twenty-second Virginia Infantry, Captain
J. C. McDowell I know nothing of Gray,
but know Colonel John C. McDonald, but know Colonel John C. McDonald, of Newcastle, Craig county, Va., who I am satisfied is the man referred to. The company was from Fayotte county, now West Virginia, and I know a number of the members, but as the captain is still living, I refer Dewitt to him. His inquiry was in your issue of February 22, 1906.

Yours very respectfully,
D. B. 19ASDY.

Correspondence Schools.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,-Will you kindly publish in your query and answer column your opinion of correspondence schools, and publish which of the following courses you think most profitable if learned: Hookkeeping, stenography or ad. writing.

READER.

dence schools in general, We should think it would be difficult to get a satisfactory education through them in any

of the branches named. For a man, bookkeeping is a better occupation than stenography. In large cities export "ad, writing" is letter than

Poisoning Fowls.

Editor of the Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—in your reply to "Inquirer," in
last Sunday's paper, with reference to
polsoning fowls, you said the punitive
damages for a wantonness, on conviction,
might be determined by justice or jury,
is that law? I want to know what is the
law on the subject by which this unitee
or jury may be governed in their decision.

"The law in the best of the punitive of the p

The law is that the justice or jury shall award, in cases like that mentioned by you, such damages by way of punishment as the justice or jury may think suffi-cient to deter the offender and others from committing like offenses. The law prescribes no amount, but leaves the amount as they may think right and proper under the circumstances.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Editor of The Times-Dispatch;

Sir,—I notice in The Times-Dispatch
that taxes for 1902-03-'04 must be paid
before he can vote. Should one come
from another State, "where such as our
law don't exist," and pay his taxes
promptly for 1904, be able to vote? If so,
could not we of our State have the same
privilege? Do they have to wait three
years to vote who come from other
States?

WESTMORDIAND.

A man is required to pay only such

or are assessable against him. If he has not resided in Virginia but one year, then, able with State poll taxes for three years: but two years' residence in the State is required in order to vote in any election. If otherwise qualified, a man, after being registered, is entitled to vote in any election, provided he has at least six months prior to such election, personally paid "all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against him" under the new

Constitution during the three preceding About Courting.

Bitor of the Times-Dispatch:
Sir,-Please answer in your Query
Column how to catch sweethearts and
what will make you pretty, and how to
court, and oblige an
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There is no rule that we know of for
"catching sweethearts. There is no accounting for tastes. The best beauty
hint we know is to keep your health good,
your disposition sweet and your neart

your disposition sweet and your ceart pure. Beauty is not merely a matter of feature. It is in part a matter of com-plexion and very largely a matter of ex-pression. Complexion is a matter of health, and the expression of the face health, and th eexpression of the face is the expression of the "thoughts of the heart." If you want to look sweet, think sweet. As for "courting," that is a misnomer. A rebellious woman is not to be won by "courting." She must be stormed and captured. Of course you must be taciful in your manner of attack. You must show her those delicate and thoughtful attentions which every woman loves, but you must be manly and, while pever brutal, dictatorial or "bossy," you must be manfully assortive and make her feel that you are the stronger personality. But with all that, we do not guarantee that you will win her. Courting at best is monstrous uncertain, and many good and bright men who have succeeded in other undertakings have made repeated and ignominous failures in securing a wife.

Rural Delivery.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir.—By advising me through your query column whether or not a rural mail carrier, under any circumstances, has a right to deliver mail to a patron not having a mail box approved by the Poatmaster-General, you will oblige; also does the law require a box to be looked? Rural free delivery mail carrier is not fallowed to carry mall in his pocket.

must carry mail in a pouch provided for by the Postoffice Department. He will serve only those who have erected an approved mall box or any other secure

Star route mail carriers deliver mail on their routes when requested to do so by those desiring their service.

All star carriers are not under contract to make a box delivery on their routes. Some are under contract to do so, but all star carriers will be requested to make a box delivery on their routes after July i, 1905. Star route carriers will deliver mail

to those on his route who request it and erect a box. Patrons of a star route carrier are not required to erect an approved mail box. Star route carrier will deliver mail from

pocket, but he is not responsible for said mail after it has been delivered in the box

side inquirers.